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Claims 1

1. A bracket apparatus comprising:
a bracket for retaining and supporting a personal computing appliance, the bracket adapted to be mounted to a wall, the bracket including a wall mounting portion, a personal computing appliance mounting portion, and a plurality of mounting pads attached to the personal computing appliance mounting portion for contacting and retaining the personal computing appliance.
- 10 2. The bracket apparatus of claim 1 wherein the plurality of mounting pads comprises at least four mounting pads.
- 15 3. The bracket apparatus of claim 2 wherein each of the plurality of mounting pads includes a concave body portion.
- 20 4. The bracket apparatus of claim 3 wherein the plurality of mounting pads includes first and second side mounting pads for contacting first and second sides of the personal computing appliance, each of first and second side mounting pads attached to a first end of the personal computing appliance mounting portion, the first side mounting pad spaced apart from the second side mounting pad, the first side mounting pad positioned opposite the second side mounting pad.
- 25 5. The bracket apparatus of claim 4 wherein the plurality of mounting pads further includes third and fourth bottom mounting pads for contacting a bottom side of the personal computing appliance, each of the third and fourth bottom mounting pads attached to a second end of the personal computing appliance mounting portion, the third bottom mounting pad spaced apart from the fourth mounting pad.

6. The bracket apparatus of claim 1 wherein wall mounting portion includes at least one planar flange member for contacting the wall.

7. The bracket apparatus of claim 6 wherein the at least one flange member includes first and second planar flange members.

8. The bracket apparatus of claim 7 wherein the first planar flange member is positioned along a first side of the wall mounting portion and the second planar member is positioned along a second side of the wall mounting portion.

10 9. The bracket apparatus of claim 8 wherein each of the two flange planar members includes at least one through opening.

15 10. The bracket apparatus of claim 9 wherein the at least one through opening includes two openings.

20 11. The bracket apparatus of claim 1 wherein the personal computing appliance mounting portion is angled with respect to the wall mounting portion.

25 12. The bracket apparatus of claim 11 wherein the personal computing appliance mounting portion is angled approximately 20 degrees with respect to the wall mounting portion.

13. The bracket apparatus of claim 1 wherein the wall mounting portion includes a generally horizontal cross member extending from a first side of the wall mounting portion to a second side of the wall mounting portion.

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14. The bracket apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a keyboard holder for holding a keyboard, the keyboard holder rotatably attached to the bracket to allow the keyboard holder to be rotated between a stowed position and an operating position.

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15. The bracket apparatus of claim 14 wherein the keyboard holder includes first and second keyboard mounting pads for contacting and retaining the keyboard.

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16. The bracket apparatus of claim 15 wherein the first keyboard mounting pad is positioned along a first side of the keyboard holder and the second keyboard mounting pad is positioned along a second side of the keyboard holder, the first keyboard mounting pad positioned opposite the second keyboard mounting pad.

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17. The bracket apparatus of claim 16 wherein the keyboard holder includes a first rod member to allow the keyboard holder to be rotatably attached to the bracket.

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18. The bracket apparatus of claim 17 wherein the first rod is attached to at least two of the plurality of mounting pads.

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19. The bracket apparatus of claim 18 wherein the keyboard holder includes a second rod member to allow the keyboard holder to be locked in the operating position.

20. The bracket apparatus of claim 19 wherein the second rod is attached to the at least two of the plurality of mounting pads.

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21. The bracket apparatus of claim 20 wherein the keyboard holder includes a support member extending from the first side of the keyboard holder to the second side of the keyboard holder to allow the keyboard to be positioned on the support member.

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22. The bracket apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a stylus holder for holding a stylus, the stylus holder rotatably attached to the bracket to allow the stylus holder to be rotated between an unlatched position and a latched position.

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23. The bracket apparatus of claim 22 wherein the stylus holder includes a channel portion to receive and retain the stylus.

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24. The bracket apparatus of claim 23 wherein the stylus holder includes a first rod member to allow the stylus holder to be rotatably attached to the bracket.

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25. The bracket apparatus of claim 24 wherein the first rod member is attached to at least two of the plurality of mounting pads.

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26. The bracket apparatus of claim 25 wherein the stylus holder includes a second rod member to allow the stylus holder to be locked in the latched position.

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27. The bracket apparatus of claim 26 wherein the second rod member is attached to the at least two of the plurality of mounting pads

28. A method of mounting a personal computing appliance to a wall comprising:

providing a bracket apparatus including a bracket, the bracket adapted to be mounted to a wall, the bracket including a wall mounting portion, a personal computing appliance mounting portion, and a plurality of mounting pads attached to the personal computing appliance mounting portion;

mounting the bracket to the wall;

positioning the personal computing appliance between the plurality of mounting pads;

contacting the plurality of mounting pads against the personal computing appliance; and

retaining and supporting the personal computing appliance.

15 29. The method of claim 28 further comprising:

providing a keyboard holder for holding a keyboard;

rotatably attaching the keyboard holder to the bracket; and

rotating the keyboard holder from a stowed position to an operating position.

20 30. The method of claim 29 further comprising:

rotating the keyboard holder from the operating position to the stowed position.

25 31. A method of claim 28 further comprising:

providing a stylus holder for holding a stylus;

rotatably attaching the stylus holder to the bracket; and

rotating the stylus holder from an unlatched position to a latched position.

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~~32. The method claim 31 further comprising:~~
~~rotating the keyboard holder from the latched position the~~
~~unlatched position.~~

5 33. An apparatus for mounting a personal computing appliance and
keyboards to a wall comprising:

10 a bracket for retaining and supporting a personal computing
appliance, the bracket adapted to be mounted to a wall, the bracket including
a wall mounting portion, a personal computing appliance mounting portion,
and a plurality of mounting pads attached to the personal computing
appliance mounting portion for contacting and retaining the personal
computing appliance, a keyboard holder for holding a keyboard, the keyboard
holder rotatably attached to the bracket to allow the keyboard holder to be
rotated between a stowed position and an operating position.

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